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PURCHASE OF TORONTO STAR

(Associated Press.)
J. E. Atkinson, of the Montreal Herald, and formerly connected with the Globe, has purchased the Toronto Evening Star on behalf of a company of which he is the head. The paper will be devoted to the interests of the Liberal party, there being practically no straight Liberal evening paper in the city.

New Advertisements on Page 8.

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Wharf and office, Belleville street, James
Bay; telephone 407; city office, Swinburn
ton & Oddy's, telephone 401.

THE BRITISH CASUALTIES

Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Engagement at Magersfontein Number Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two.

HIGHLAND BRIGADE'S HEAVY LOSSES

Gatacre Reports 22 Soldiers Dead and 59 Wounded—Unconfirmed Despatch From Pietermaritzburg Says Ladysmith Has Been Relieved.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 14.—While the outwardly calm attitude of the press and people here during the present crisis commands admiration, there is an under-current of intense indignation against the war office and the government, which threatens to have a serious addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidence of the break-down of the transport and intelligence departments, which are daily coming to light.

It was freely predicted this morning, even in high military circles, that the campaign would last until June.
Reinforcements Demanded.
The afternoon newspapers of all shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously, and in demanding the immediate dispatch of reinforcements.
Another Division Mobilized.
The war office announces that the sixth division has been mobilized and four of the battalions will have embarked by Sunday.
The mobilization of the seventh division has also been approved.

Many of the above mentioned officers were dangerously wounded.
Second Royal Highlanders—Wounded: Lt. Wauchop, Major Cuthbertson, Captain Cameron, Lt. St. J. Harvey, Lt. Berthouy, Lt. Tait, formerly amateur golf champion.

Missing—Captain, the Hon. Cumming Bruce, Captain Macfarlane Lt. Ramsay. The Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstreams, was killed.

Captain J. Sterling, Lieut. Col. Conington and Major the Hon. W. Lambton, of the same brigade were wounded. Of the rank and file six were killed and forty-six wounded.

Gatacre's Losses.
London, Dec. 14.—The war office has received from Gen. Gatacre the following list of casualties furnished by a correspondent, who was permitted to visit the Boer camp with the chaplains, and is believed to be reliable:

Second Royal Irish—10 killed, 22 wounded.
Second Northumberland—12 killed, 27 wounded.

All the above wounded men are prisoners.

ARTILLERY'S BRILLIANT WORK.

Guns Served Unflinchingly Under a Galling Fire From the Boers.

Modder River, Dec. 12.—Details gathered from the wounded show that the British artillery divided the honors with the Soudanese. The batteries worked unflinchingly under a galling fire.

According to a Boer account a single British shell killed and wounded over 20 Boers. Two other shells that burst over two bodies of Boers caused beyond the range did fearful damage.

A Seaforth Highlander says while lying wounded on the ground he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, walking along the anti-bell picking off the British. He was quite alone and used field glasses.

IN NATAL.

A Pietermaritzburg Despatch Tells of the Relief of Ladysmith, but the Report is Not Credited.

London, Dec. 1.—(Globe and Mail.)—A special dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says General Buller and General Clery have entered Ladysmith and have captured ten thousand Boers.

Montreal Receives the News.
Montreal, Dec. 14.—The Bank of Montreal received a cable this morning from London that Ladysmith had been relieved.

Report Not Credited.
London, Dec. 1.—The British War Office

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of the Brand of Cigarettes that are

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CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS
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For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

Boer Losses Were Terrible

Prisoners Inform Methuen That
Some Corps Were Completely
Wiped Out.

British Troops Are Now Securely
Entrenched Near the Mod-
der River.

Correspondents Tell of the Fight
and the Execution by
Artillery.

London, Dec. 13.—Telegraphing from
Cape Town, Gen. Forster-Walker sends
the following dispatch from Gen. Me-
thuen, dated Modder River, December
12th, 7.30 p.m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches
strongly this morning I retired in per-
fect order here, where I am in security.
I have gathered from some of the
prisoners and from our men with the
ambulance who talked with the Boers
that the enemy's losses were terrible.
Some corps being completely wiped out,
some corps being almost completely
wiped out."

"The Boers have been most kind to
my wounded."

Highlanders Lost Heavily.
North of Modder River, Dec. 11.
When the Highlanders met the murder-
ous point blank fire of the Boers about
two hundred were mowed down. The
Black Watch Regiment on reforming
was only able to muster 140.

The Boers also lost severely in the
trenches and also in the wire entangle-
ment when they came into the open in
an attempt to make a flank movement
on the British.
The terrible British artillery fire pro-
duced no response except from the Boer
rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the after-
noon when the Boers attacked on the
flank. They advanced with the utmost
gallantry to the attack close to
the place where lay their dead and
wounded comrades of the Highland
Battalion. The enemy opened with a heavy
shrapnel fire as the British advanced
and it was found physically impossible
to take the Boer trenches.
The British got within 200 yards but
could not get nearer. It was thought
that Col. Downham fell.
The Boers had free recourse to barbed
wire entanglements which offered great
obstacles even after the damage inflicted
by the artillery.

A detachment of Boers posted among
some thick bushes to the east maintain-
ed a most destructive fire on our right.
With the remarkable talent for taking
cover which the Boers always display,
they were generally speaking, virtually
invisible; and although the enemy's ar-
tillery was practically silenced, their
rifle fire was so persistent and con-
centrated, as well as usually well aimed,
that it was absolutely impossible for the
British infantry to take the position by
assault.

At the first advance of the Highland-
ers the Boers shooting, probably owing
to the darkness, was somewhat high,
otherwise the British losses would have
been still heavier.

Marquis of Winchester Dead.

Modder River, Dec. 12.—The British
casualties yesterday included the Mar-
quis of Winchester, major of the Second
Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was
killed, and Col. Downham, of the First
Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders,
who was mortally wounded.
The wounded include Lieut. Col. A. E.
Codrington and Capt. Sterling, both of
the First Battalion of the Coldstream
Guards.

Descriptions of the Fight.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail's
special correspondent at Modder River
describing the fighting says:
"The Boer trenches extended far be-
yond the kopje and the open plain.
These on the plain were hidden by
acacia trees. Those near the kopje
were guarded by a double line of barbed
wire, evidently for fear of our storming
and bayonet attack. We raked the
kopje and trenches with an intense, well-
directed fire of 50 guns, including a naval
gun and a howitzer battery, both using
lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe
damage. The Boer prisoners report
that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men,
only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other
shells burst in the enemy's larger, caus-
ing fire."

Complete Destruction.
The Boers are still in larger force than
we found them at Modder River, out-
numbering us by almost three to one.
The Transvaalers are apparently domi-
nating in the military councils, although
in a minority."

Julian Ralph, telegraphing to the same
paper, says:
"The Boers were entrenched at Ma-
gersfontein, four miles from Modder
River. At dawn Monday, the Highland-
ers, advancing across the valley, were
suddenly subjected to a murderous fire
from the trenches, about 200 yards in
front. The effect was that of the fearful
heat of the day was thus suffered in a
single minute. Startled and overwhelm-
ed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon
halted and retained their positions. This
was on the left. On the right, the

Guards brigade advanced across the
valley against the outside trenches and
fought an invisible foe.
For 15 hours. At 11 in the morning the
Gordon Highlanders were sent forward.
The Boers allowed them to pass one line
of trenches and then annihilated them. We
raked the Boer trenches throughout the
day. The fighting only ceased with
nightfall."

Another Division to be Sent.
London, Dec. 14.—The Associated
Press understands that the war office
yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in view
of Lord Methuen's losses at Magersfont-
ein, to mobilize the English division in
reserve and to send the Seventh division
to the Cape.

Certain foreign stations will probably
be garrisoned with militia, and it neces-
sary volunteers will be called to take
the place of the militia at home. It is
also likely that the militia reserve will
be sent out to join their respective bat-
talions, and the war office intends to
order four more battalions of militia for
permanent duty.

Some Press Comments.
The Times says: "At least 30,000 ad-
ditional men must be sent out. The en-
tire available reserve must be called out
and the militia and volunteers turned to
account. Efforts must be made to in-
crease the local colonial forces and
further offers of troops from Canada and
other colonies must be sought and ac-
cepted."

The Standard, which comments upon
the "seemingly astonishing number of
Boers," is driven to the conclusion that
a substantial portion of the Boer com-
mandos have been recruited from the
Cape Dutch. It continues: "All eyes are
now turned, hopefully, to Gen. Buller,
who taking into account the troops with
Gen. White at Ladysmith, has alto-
gether 30,000. At this moment there must
be few men in Her Majesty's ser-
vice who have as great a weight of
experience upon them as Gen. Buller car-
ries on his shoulders."

The Morning Post says: "We have had
our day of humiliation appointed for us;
let us accept it humbly and nobly, and
be better and stronger for the lesson it
has taught us. This last reverse will
make us a fresh batt in Europe. There
was never a more apt occasion to prove
to Europe what we are worth."

The Boer Position.
A correspondent thus describes the po-
sition Lord Methuen assaulted: "Ma-
gersfontein is a terminus on the east
with an abrupt saddle rock some 150
feet high. Boer entrenchments are all
around this whole front. The position
is some two miles long due east and
west. The western ends of the trenches
follow the contour of the kopje and af-
ford a retreat."

It is estimated here that Lord Meth-
uen's forces amounted to 11,000 men
and perhaps more. No reliable estimate
of his losses has as yet been received.
They are believed to have been at least
450.

Armored Train Attacked.

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch
from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Mar-
quez, says: "While the battle of Ma-
gersfontein was proceeding the Free State
artillery engaged an armored train along
the railway line towards Belmont."

"Forty-one prisoners belonging to the
First Battalion of the Gordon Highland-
ers have just traversed Jacobsdal."
"In the last attack on Surprise Hill
three leading Pretoria townsmen were
killed and several others were wounded,
causing great sorrow here."

Shelling Ladysmith.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.—The

"Love and a Cough
Cannot be Hid."

It is this fact that makes
the lover and his sweetheart
happy, and sends the sufferer
from a cough to his doctor.
But there are hidden ills
lurking in impure blood.
"The liver is wrong," it is
thought, "or the kidneys."

Did it ever occur to you that
the trouble is in your blood?
Purify this river of life with Hood's
Sarsaparilla. Then illness will be ban-
ished, and strong, vigorous health will
result. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best
known, best endorsed and most natural
of all blood purifiers.

Eczema—"I was riddled with com-
plaints peculiar to my sex. Large sores
broke out on my body, head and limbs. I
could not do any work on account of the
itching. My trouble was termed eczema
and I doctored for it for a long time. I
then tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and several
bottles effected a cure." Mrs. J. G. Brown,
Brantford, Ont.

Organs Affected—"I was run down in
health and had spells of coughing which left
me prostrate. My lungs, heart and kidneys
were affected. Took Hood's Sarsaparilla
upon advice and soon felt better. I con-
tinued the treatment and now feel like a
new woman." Mrs. E. E. Smith, 217
Ossington Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints
Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-detracting and
only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Handsome Jewellery Catalogue.

That Christmas Gift problem is at hand. Birks' beau-
tiful jewellery catalogue will help you solve the pleasant
difficulty.

Birks' catalogue is a work of art, it describes and illus-
trates Birks' jewellery, the highest quality and most moder-
ately priced in Canada.

The catalogue illustrates all sorts of jewellery, silver
and plate. It shows gold rings, with all sorts of settings,
as exact as colors and paper can show them.

The catalogue is sent free to any one writing for it.
With it you will readily dispose of the difficulty of
selecting suitable holiday gifts.

Henry Birks & Sons
JEWELLERS AND SILVERSMITHS
MONTREAL.

Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The
heat is terrible.

Change Against Ministers.

London, Dec. 13.—A Central News dis-
patch says that the Schreiner ministry
at the Cape gave passage to the Orange
Free State people attending colonial
colleges who wanted to go home and
fight the British. As a result, Sir Al-
fred Milner, governor of Cape Colony,
is considering the dismissal of Schreiner
and his colleagues.

Situation at Delagoa Bay.

London, Dec. 14.—The Times Cape
town correspondent says:
"There is great dissatisfaction with
the condition of affairs at Delagoa Bay.
Lorenzo Marquez is rapidly becoming a
regular Transvaal supporter, and be-
coming the headquarters for Transvaal
agents of every description who are able
to communicate freely with other agents
and with Europe. The difficulty of pre-
venting the importation of machinery
and materials required for the state
worked mines, explosives for the gov-
ernment factory and even of actual ar-
ms, has been enormously increased by
the practical impossibility of conduct-
ing thorough searches of foreign vessels
professing to convey food. The course
adopted by the Imperial government is
regarded as tending seriously to prolong
the war and to benefit foreign ships-
ping at the expense of British, who in any
case are unable to trade with the enemy.
Delagoa Bay, in the present state of af-
fairs, is more useful to the Boers than
if it were actually in Transvaal terri-
tory."

BACKACHE.

Weak, Lame, Aching Backs, the Result
of Sluggish, Inactive Kidneys.

Backache is in reality kidney ache.
The kidneys become clogged, and falter
in their work of filtering the blood.
Backache is nature's warning that the
kidneys are on strike, and that the
blood is going through the system laden
with foul poisons, which will cause
Bright's Disease, dropsy, diabetes, rheu-
matism or other equally painful and fa-
tal complications.

Prudence tells everyone suffering with
backache to set their kidneys right. The
experience of tens of thousands of people
tells them that to accomplish this there
is no means so successful as the use of
Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills—the
world's greatest kidney cure.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills cure
permanently by making the kidneys
healthy, active and vigorous. They are
purely vegetable, act naturally and di-
rectly on the kidneys, and are wonder-
fully efficacious. As a prompt and posi-
tive cure for kidney disease, liver com-
plaint and all the complications of these
filtering organs, they are unsurpassed
by any remedy ever discovered.

One pill a dose; 25c. a box at all de-
alers, or Edmundson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT BAND.
The Regimental Officers Ask for the Sup-
port and Co-operation of the Public.

The officers of the Fifth Regiment C.
A. are asking the more hearty co-opera-
tion of the citizens in maintaining the
regimental band in a proper state of
efficiency. This organization is main-
tained entirely out of the pockets of the
officers and by the precarious revenue
derived from musical engagements and
drill hall concerts, excursions, etc. At
the present time the band is in good
shape, but there is a danger of some of
the members leaving the city for lack of
employment. The colonel is therefore
advising the citizens to support the band
for positions for two of the bandmen in
order that they may be retained in the
organization. The band receives no
financial assistance from the city treas-
ury, although it is really the only one
in Victoria.

The public are also reminded of the
great assistance they can render in popu-
larizing the regular Saturday night con-
certs. At these a high class programme
is rendered, and the concert is formerly
parade, somewhat of the character of a
social event from the numbers of society
people who attended it. The revival of
this custom, which seems to have drop-
ped with disuse, would not, it is claim-
ed, inconvenience those referred to, and
it would be a distinct help to this strug-
gling organization. The officers feel that
a reasonable request of this kind needs
only to be made to be understood and
acted upon by those in whose power it
lies to assist the band with their
presence and co-operation, or to kill it
by their indifference.

Unhappily is the man for whom his own
mother has not made all other mothers
venerable.—Richter.

A man's wife should always be the same,
especially to her husband, but if she is
weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron
Pills, she will be a different person, so they all
say, and their husbands say so too!

The Story of the War

From Capetown to Pretoria, by
the Author of "With Kitchen-
er to Khartoum."

Mr. G. W. Steevens Tells the
Story of Nicholson's
Nek.

Ladysmith, Nov. 1.

The sudden tents hung darkly, black-
grey in the gusty, rainy morning. At
the entrance to the camp stood a sentry;
half-a-dozen privates moved to and fro.
Perhaps half-a-dozen were to be seen in
all the same hard, thick-set bodies that
Ladysmith had cheered six days before
as they marched in, square-shouldered
through the mud, from Dundee. The
same bodies—but the elastic was out of
them and the brightness was not in their
eyes. But for these few, though it was
an hour after reveille, the camp was
cold and empty. It was the camp of the
Royal Fusiliers.

An officer appeared from the mess tent
—pale and pinched. I saw him when he
came in from Dundee with four sleep-
less nights behind him; this morning he
was far more haggard. Inside were one
other officer, the doctor, and the quar-
termaster. That was all the mess, ex-
cept a second lieutenant, a boy just
green from Sandhurst. He had just ar-
rived from England, at home for his first
regiment and his first campaign. And
this was the regiment he found.

They had been busy half the night
packing up the sentry's kits to send
Down to Durban.

Now they were packing their own; a
regiment 220 strong could do so with
smaller camp. The mess stores laid in
at Ladysmith stood in open cases round
the tent. All the small luxuries the
careful mess president had provided
against the hard campaign had been lost
at Dundee. Now it was the regiment
was lost, and there was nobody to eat
the tinned meats and pickles. The com-
mon words "Natal Field Force" on the
boxes cut like a knife. In the middle
of the tent, on a table of cases, so low
that to read it you must sit on the
ground, were the jappanned tin plates and
cups for five men's breakfast—five out
of five-and-twenty. Tied up in a water-
proof sheet were the officers' letters—the
letters of their wives and mothers, that
had arrived that morning seven, thou-
sand and miles from home. The men they
wrote to were on their way to the pris-
oners' camp at Pretoria race course.
A miserable tale is best told badly. On

the night of Sunday, October 20th, No.
40 Mountain Battery, four and a half
companies of the Gloucestershire Regi-
ment, and six of the Royal Irish Fusili-
ers—some 1,000 men in all—were sent
out to seize a rock some seven miles
north-west of Ladysmith. At daylight
they were to operate on the enemy's
right flank—the parallel with Majuba is
a series of peaks in conjunction with an
attack from Ladysmith.

On the Cape and Right.
They started. At half-past ten they
passed through a kind of defile, the
Boers a thousand feet above them fol-
lowing every movement by ear, if not
by eye. By some means—either by
rocks rolled down on them or other hos-
tile agency, or by sheer bad luck—the
small-arm ammunition mules were stan-
derped. They dashed back on to the bat-
tery mules; there was alarm, confusion,
shots flying—and the battery mules
stampeded also.

On that the officer in command ap-
pears to have resolved—to occupy the
nearest hill. He did so, and the men
spent the hours before dawn in protest-
ing themselves by schisms or by
works of stones. At dawn, about half-
past four, they were attacked, at first
lightly. There were two companies of
the Gloucesters in an advanced position;
the rest, in close order, occupied a high
point on the kopje; to line the whole
summit, they say, would have needed
10,000 men. Behind the schisms the
men, shooting sparsely because of the
loss of the reserve ammunition, at first
held their own with little loss.

But then, as our Elsie or Boer good
management would have it, there ap-
peared over a hill a new Boer commando,
which
A Cool Eye-Witness
put at over 2,000 strong. They decided
and came into action, half in front, half
from the kopje in rear, shooting at
1,000 yards into the open rear of the
schisms. Men began to fall. The two
advanced companies were ordered to fall
back; up to now they had lost hardly a
man; but once in the open they suffered.
The Boers in rear picked up the range
with great accuracy.

And then—and then again, that cursed
white flag!
It is some sneaking consolation that
for a long time the soldiers refused to
heed it. Careless now of life, they were
sitting up well behind their breastworks,
sweeping their sights, aiming coolly, by
the half-minute together. At the sight
of their humiliation they could still win-
gle—as that new-come Boer found who,
desiring an Englishman to his bag before
the end, thrust up his incandescence head
to see where they were, and got a bullet
through it. Some of them said they lost
their whole firing line; others no more
than nine killed and sixteen wounded.

But what matters it whether they lost
one or one million? The cursed white
flag was up again over a British force
in South Africa. The best part of a
thousand British soldiers, with all their
arms and equipment and four mountain
guns, were captured by the enemy.

The Boers had their revenge for Dun-
dee and Mafeking; for now they now they
took it, full measure, in kindness. As
Adkins had tended their

Wounded and Succoured

their prisoners there, so they tended and
succoured him here. One commandant
wished to send the wounded to Pretoria;
the others, more prudent as well as
more humane, decided to send them back
into Ladysmith. They gave the whole
men water out of their own bottles;
they gave the wounded the blankets off
their own saddles and slept themselves
on the naked rock. They were short of
transport, and they were mostly armed
with Martini; yet they gave captured
mules for the hospital panniers and cap-
tured Lee-Metfords for splints. A man
was rubbing a hot sore on his head
with a half-crown; nobody offered to
take it from him. Some of them asked
soldiers for their embossed waist-
baths as mementoes of the day. "It's got
my money in it," replied Tommy—a little
silly, small wonder—and the captor said
no more.

Then they set to singing doleful hymns
of praise under trees. Apparently they
were not especially elated. They be-
lieved that Sir George White was a
prisoner. They said that they had
Rhodes shut up in Kimberley, and
would hang him when they caught him.
That on their side—and on ours? We
forgot them all that morning in a fight
for the moment may wait. At the
end, when the tardy truth could be with-
hold no more—what shame! What bitter
shame for all the camp. All ashamed
for England! Not of her, never that!—
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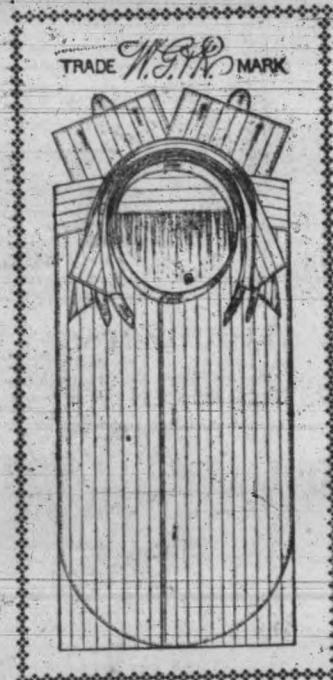
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School Board In Session

Applications Invited to Fill a Vacancy on Teaching Staff.

Some Hints For the Guidance of the New Board.

The application of a number of the principals of the city schools for permission to allow the children to make the usual collection of gifts for the poor at Christmas was voted last night by the school board, all the male members taking the view that it was injudicious to allow the practice to continue, as the result was in their opinion liable to lead to heartburning among those who are unable to contribute to the gift list.

The first business before the meeting was a communication from Principal McNeill, of the North Ward school, calling attention to the inadequate heating of Mr. Campbell's room and asking that the defect be remedied during the Christmas holidays.

The estimated cost of this, Mrs. G. Grant stated, was \$50, and the communication was referred to the building and grounds committee with power to act.

The same course was taken with a request from Principal Gillis, of the North Ward school, in regard to Mr. Stephenson's room in that building.

A communication from Miss E. J. King, teacher in the North Ward school, was received, tendering her resignation. The same was accepted with regret by the board and the secretary authorized to draw up a suitable resolution expressing the board's esteem for the lady.

tant board of school commissioners for Montreal, asking the board's co-operation in having an Empire Day set apart for schools throughout Canada, was referred to the school management committee.

E. L. Rugz wanted to sell a \$15 set of "Bugs' Geographical Aid" to the board. Referred to the school management committee.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of a letter from Jas. A. Grant, complaining that his child, although of the required age, had been refused admittance to the Hillside avenue school. Mr. Barba read his reply, in which he informed Mr. Grant that no pupil was admitted to Hillside unless they had attended some other school previously, and that a re-adjustment would be made in the matter in January.

The matter was finally referred to the school management committee to give Mr. Grant the desired information.

The school management committee recommended that applications be called for a teacher holding a first-class certificate to fill Miss King's place; and also that the pupil teachers be paid \$25 in addition to the sum already paid.

It moving its adoption Dr. Hall said it was not, generally understood that the pupil teachers had taught about 60 days and were justly entitled to the sum mentioned.

The report was adopted, the advertisements to run until the 20th, it being suggested that they be inserted in one local paper and one Vancouver paper, the salary to be not less than \$50.

Some discussion arose as to where the advertisement should be placed. Dr. Hall thought that the two local papers circulated in Vancouver, although Mr. Belyea thought Town Topics might better reach Vancouver readers.

In discussing which of the local papers should be favored with the imperative advertisement, the chairman asked if the board had any preference in the matter.

"None at all" put in Trustee Belyea, "they are equally bad."

"It is quite evident," retorted Trustee McCandless, "that Mr. Belyea does not intend to be a candidate again."

Trustee Marchant urged that it was impetuous to place the advertisement in the Vancouver papers in preference to the local ones, which he believed to have a larger circulation than those on the mainland.

Trustee McCandless said his object in suggesting what he did was in order that the very best material might be secured, and Trustee Belyea said the time had passed when the board could secure a suitable and efficient successor to Miss King for \$45.

Total enrolment, 2,407; daily average attendance, 2,110.61 or 87.5 per cent. The percentage by schools is as follows: Spring Ridge, 90.7; North Ward, 90.6; Boys' Central, 88.5; Girls' Central, 88.4; South Park, 87.1; Victoria West, 84.7; High School, 84.4; Hillside avenue, 80.0; Kingston street, 82.6.

The superintendent's confidential report upon the teachers being submitted, Trustee Belyea took occasion to say that the report should be passed from one trustee to another and should be treated as distinctly confidential. He knew that on previous occasions the contents of the reports were known to the teachers ten days after it was submitted.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Hall, Trustee Belyea consented to amend his motion so that the report should be on view in the secretary's office, but should not leave it.

The matter of publishing an annual report was brought up by Trustee Marchant, when most of the members expressed the opinion that there was no practical benefit commensurate with the expense involved in issuing a report this year.

Mrs. Wm. Grant reported upon the matter of a flag staff for South Park school. Mr. Burgess informed her that it should be placed over the main entrance. A 30 foot pole 6 inches at the base and 4 at the top, with halyards, etc., would cost \$30.

Mrs. Gordon Grant hoped to see flags supplied to all the schools, while Trustee Belyea, though agreeing in this view, thought it would be wise to let the whole matter go over until next year, when all the schools might be supplied with poles and flags.

The resolution of the report was moved by Mrs. Grant, coupled with its reference to the supply committee with power to act.

Trustee Marchant thought South Park should be provided with facilities for displaying the trophy they had won, while Trustee McCandless observed that as the fast speaker was quitting the board, he might erect the pole just to show the people that he was loyal. (Laughter.)

The report was laid on the table. The superintendent reported that three principals had signed their sympathy with the desire of the children to contribute to Christmas gifts for the poor. He had pointed out that this was contrary to section 11 of the board's rules.

Mrs. Gordon Grant moved that the teachers be allowed to receive Christmas contributions for the poor.

Trustee Belyea said that the board would do well to discourage this. He pointed out that some children were unable to contribute to such funds, and it placed them in a very embarrassing position before other children, resulting in heart burnings, wounded pride, etc. Victoria had never prior than most cities, but they sent their children in most instances to school, and it was wise to place them in this position. He opposed passing the hat in the public schools. Besides, while in most instances these gifts were handed over to the Friendly Help Society for distribution, in the case of South Park, the gifts were distributed by the principal. He didn't mean to say that it was not well distributed, but

the board hired its teachers for some other purpose.

In this view Trustee McCandless, Marchant and Hall heartily concurred.

The motion was lost, the board deciding to adhere to the rules.

Another report from the finance committee recommended that the insurance on the South Park and North Ward schools be reduced from \$20,000 to \$16,000 each. This was adopted.

The selection of a day for the closing examinations was brought to the attention of the board by the superintendent. It was decided to hold the examinations on Friday, the 22nd, in the class rooms, at hours to be fixed by the city superintendent of education.

The superintendent said the parents would appreciate it if the members of the board could attend these examinations. There were seven trustees and

MOULDER'S FORTUNE

Geo. Barkley, of Hamilton, Fin's a Cure for Rheumatism.

He Makes No Secret About It—Everybody Can Have the Benefit of His Experience—Dodd's Kidney Pills Are Within the Reach of All.

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—George Barkley, a moulder of this city, is satisfied he has found a sure cure for rheumatism. He, as is well known among his friends, has been searching for such a medicine for the last few years and until recently quite vainly. He has since been cured of his own case and he reasonably infers that the remedy that cured him will cure others.

Rheumatism is well known to be a disease resulting from disordered kidneys. That is nowadays an acknowledged fact. Uric acid, which should be filtered out of the blood by the kidneys, remains in the system when those organs are unhealthy, and lodges in the joints, causing rheumatism. The reasonable argument remains therefore to cure Rheumatism by curing the kidneys. This is exactly what Mr. Barkley did. He used Dodd's Kidney Pills—the best kidney medicine in the world—and is today entirely free from his old complaint. He writes as follows:

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seven schools, so there was one for each school.

Trustee Belyea suggested dividing the schools into two classes, one half to be examined in the morning and the other in the afternoon, so that each trustee could attend two schools.

After arranging for a special meeting on the 18th the board adjourned.

Empress Delayed

Because of a Missing Celestial the Liner is Held Eight Hours.

Two Chinese Officials Arrive to Look Into Local Chinese Relations.

R. M. S. Empress of India arrived at the quarantine station about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but it was not until eight hours later that she was passed by the doctor, and thereby hangs a tale. When the steamer arrived the Chinese passengers are paraded before the quarantine officer. Yesterday when the line marched past it was found to be one short. Then there was a search—there were many searches—until 11:30 they searched and counted, but although the Chinaman had been seen at dinner yesterday, there was no trace of him to be found. None had seen him, to make sure he was not sick and hidden, though, the search was continued. At last the steamer was admitted on declaration being made that all was well, and the long-delayed tender—which left here yesterday afternoon, and was tied up at the quarantine wharf with her passengers for over seven hours—was allowed alongside to receive the mails and passengers.

What had become of the Chinaman was not learned. Whether he had jumped the steamer and made his way ashore to save the \$50, or whether he had failed to board the ship, could not be said. It is most probable that he was hiding to escape the bat. A similar case occurred on one of the N. P. liners. A Chinese was missing, and the doctor headed a search for four hours, and at last he was found stowed away in one of the attic's floor's rooms. He felt many boots, when unearthed. Thus it is that under the regulations prevalent at the station that Chinaman who hides, delays the liner and the hundreds on her, together with those who go out on the tender, delays mails; in fact, everything until he is unearthed.

The trip just concluded by the India was even rougher than that outward. She experienced the heaviest of snow for several days. On the third day out the storm began and was incessant from that out. On the 7th, 8th and 9th she experienced terrible weather, her log

showing runs of only 250 miles a day. The seas beat over her and washed along her decks. Several boats were dinged in. There was, however, no serious damage to report. These storms caused the delay in the arrival of the usually prompt steamer.

The passenger list was lighter than usual. There were 25 saloon passengers, 6 intermediate and 240—minus the one lost—Chinese. Twenty-six were landed here. In the vessel's hold there were 2,595 tons of general cargo, and 1,910 packages of silk.

Among the passengers were two Chinese diplomats, Mr. Lew Yik Yik and Commander Chen Ngen Tao, who are attached to the Chinese legation at London, England. They are returning thither, and came via British Columbia to look into matters pertaining to the interests of their countrymen in this province. Although they declined to discuss the object of their visit save in a general way, they were ready to speak on other matters, and it was learned from them that the Franco-Chinese trouble, spoken of in these columns a few days ago, is ended. The boundary has been settled at Kwongchow bay and the Chinese warship and official seized by the French have been returned. The Chinese officials were witnesses of the quarantine incident. Other passengers were: Mr. A. Arnoux, Mr. H. E. Austen, Mr. C. S. Bedford, Dr. S. W. Busnell, Mr. J. P. Farrar, Mrs. J. P. Farrar, Mr. E. H. Gilpin, Mr. A. K. Grogson, Mrs. A. K. Grogson, Major Hare, Miss Hare, Miss M. C. Hare, Mr. I. Ishikawa, Mr. H. B. Blair, Mr. J. Macray, Mrs. J. Macray, Mr. J. McCuskey, Mrs. J. McCuskey, Lieut. Polushkin, L.R.N., Mrs. M. Stanford, Miss Wilson, Miss D. Wilson, Mr. George Wolfe.

THE EVENING PAPER'S BEST

The day is ended. Fortunes have been won and lost. Statesmen, soldiers, writers, adventurers have done the deeds of the day; and night has fallen. The news has been gathered by a marvelous system from all continents. It has been sifted, arranged, illustrated, and is served upon, printed and bound, and is served hot from the press, still palpitating, as it were, with the action of the event recorded, interesting and startling with the freshness and excitement of the present. Readers over their soup learn what has happened in the wide world while they have been busy, each in his little round of duties toiling in his shop, arguing his case in court, earning his daily bread. They sit at ease and read at leisure. The evening is ahead of them, and a needed rest after the fatigues of the daylight hours will cap it all.

Fourteen hours later, while he bolts his breakfast with one eye on the clock and a brain already busy with the cares of the day, the morning paper is handed to the citizen. If he has time to read the headlines he is doing well. In the night he has leisure to think of the affairs of the human race; in the morning he must think only of his private affairs.—San Francisco (Cut) Bulletin.

Japan has 30,000 schools. British India has 140 colleges.

Louis A. Gourdain, the bogus real estate agent and banker, who opened up an "easy get rich" concern at No. 1 Madison avenue, New York, and who was arrested on November 29th, was sentenced yesterday in the court of special sessions to a term of one year in the penitentiary for violation of the banking laws.

Miss Fannie Broughton, daughter of the late Frederick Broughton, formerly manager of the old Great Western railway, was fatally burned on Tuesday night by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in a ball room at Hamilton.

Style is only the frame to hold our thoughts. It is like the sash of a window—it may it will obscure the light.—Fumons.

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GENERAL METHUEN'S POSITION.

Matters could scarcely be more grave with the western relief column under General Lord Methuen than they are at the present moment. The British people have been compelled to read details of battle that have no parallel in their history. The slaughter of our brave soldiers in the battle of Magersfontein was unprecedentedly great, considering the time occupied, and the number of officers killed is certainly appalling. Those particulars of this sternest fight of the campaign have cast a gloom over the United Kingdom and deeply affected Her Majesty, who is described in our cable dispatches to be breaking down under the weight of sorrow. The Highland Brigade's losses show that they bore the brunt of the engagement, the gallant Black Watch being all but cut to pieces by the murderous rifle-fire of the unseen foe.

Bitter criticism is sure to be levelled against Lord Methuen for his failure to throw out plenty of scouts and skirmishers in front and on all sides of the advancing column. Even persons who know little of warfare are wondering how so obvious a precaution was, or seems to have been, neglected. Had there been scouts ahead they would assuredly have stumbled upon the Boer rifle-pits and hiding-places amongst the boulders of the hill, along the foot of which the column marched to its doom. The hunter relies upon his dogs to warn him of the presence of the birds in the fern or tangled grass by signs he knows well, and thus to give him a fair chance to use his piece to advantage. How much more should this precaution be taken where the lives of hundreds of brave men are at hazard?

It is, of course, unfair to criticize without having all the particulars under one's hand, but it will be observed that no mention is made of skirmishers on the van and flanks. The reports say the Boers opened fire without any warning upon our troops who were ignorant of the dangerous proximity of their enemy. It must be, therefore, that the column was doing that very unusual thing—marching to a probable attack without reconnoitering ahead or on the flanks. But into this and several other matters which are now quite inexplicable due enquiry, we may be sure, will be held by the proper authorities at the termination of the war, and suitable discipline will be apportioned in each case where delinquency is proved.

Lord Methuen has, according to latest reports, fallen back upon the Modder, there entreaching himself to await attack from a powerful Boer army. We shall hear some more very stirring accounts from that quarter soon, for the republicans are not likely to dawdle over this business after such encouragement as they have received during the past three or four days. It is vain to attempt to blind oneself to the terrible position in which Lord Methuen and his crippled force now are. There is only too much reason to fear that the active force has already set about the cutting of the long, slender vulnerable line of communication, stretching from far distant De Aar to the south bank of the Modder, and exposed to assault from numerous roving bands. Once that line is cut and the relieving column compelled to sustain a heavy assault from the north while a strong body of the enemy hangs upon its rear, and the position of Methuen is perilous beyond exaggeration.

It can only be hoped that by one of those clever strokes which made his reputation in other campaigns this splendid officer may gloriously retrieve the ground lost, and inflict a blow that will give his little force at least breathing time. It is not pleasant to contemplate the consequences should the struggle go the other way.

Contrary to generally accepted belief the country in which the Kimberley relieving column is now fighting is not flat and open, but hilly and bushy, offering ideal cover for the Boer sharpshooters, and the best kind of natural shelter from shell fire. The prairie, or the kartoos, as it is called in South Africa, is farther west and north and stretches away for

hundreds of miles, level and clear. In such country the British cavalry and artillery could deal effectively with the enemy.

The dispatch alleged to have come from Petermaritzburg this morning says that General Buller has ordered General Buller and captured a Boer army must be received with extreme reserve. Between Colenso and Ladysmith the way is very rough, the railway is broken in many places, the river swollen, the hills alive with Boer riflemen and artillerymen. Progress would necessarily be slow and tedious, and as General Buller left Colenso only a couple of days ago at farthest, it seems to be a physical impossibility that he can be at Ladysmith by this time. He will get there in good time, no doubt, in his own steady way, which leaves no ragged edges or broken ends.

THE BAND.

Much light has been shed, recently, upon the band of the Fifth Regiment. The public seem to have been considerably surprised to learn that that admirable organization has to depend for its support and existence upon money. Very few of our citizens seem to have realized until the fact was pointed out to them, that a regimental brass band must be supported with hard cash. In a word, few of the public ever thought anything about the matter, most of them having a vague idea that the Dominion government, or something of the sort, kept it up, and that it was rather a decent sort of thing to do, whoever or whatever did it.

The Fifth Regiment band, since its formation, has been an advertisement of great value to the city of Victoria, because it is, to put the statement in its mildest terms, a good band, a very good band. But it has had a hard struggle to maintain the high level of quality aimed at by the bandmaster, because the public seemed to be quite unaware of the duty that rests upon every community which desires to have an excellent brass band, of contributing to its support. Bandmaster Finn has persevered in the face of dispiriting conditions, and what he has done to bring the band up to its present high state of efficiency deserves the warmest praise. It may surprise the public to learn that while the band has had to struggle hard through recent years for lack of that public support which it so richly merits, it has been most generous of its services in the cause of local charity, ready and willing at all times to respond to the calls of that nature. Some critics of the matter say a little too ready, because it has thereby led the public somewhat astray as to the realities and facts regarding a band's upkeep. Yet no one will do anything but praise the generosity of an organization which itself has been not too generously treated by the public; it has so frequently delighted.

The music played by the band is purchased by the bandmen themselves. Most people know that music is by no means cheap. Then if one will stop to think of the enormous outlay of time and labor imposed upon every member of that band by the twice-a-week rehearsal all the year round, one will readily agree with the assertion that it is the duty of Victoria's citizens to come to the support of this fine company of musicians. Then again, the repertoire of the Fifth Regiment band includes many pieces which only trained, nay, skilled musicians can attempt. Let us mention one piece alone which we have heard the Fifth Regiment band render with taste and feeling—Chopin's famous sonata wherein occurs that movement, popularly designated the funeral march. No ordinary band can tackle that piece of music, and it is a pleasure to declare that in the city of Victoria we have an organization that can do justice to such music. To learn that cannoning takes long years of patient perseverance and the expenditure of much money on lessons and instruments.

The only remuneration the Fifth Regiment bandmen get is what they make in summer engagements and from the Drill Hall winter concerts. It is sad to learn that those concerts are being poorly patronized this season; said, too, as a reflection upon Victoria's musical taste. Five concerts have been given since October 28th, the gross receipts of which have been only \$157.10. Expenses amounted to \$50.85, leaving a balance of \$106.25. From this the band purchased \$70.25 worth of new music, leaving \$36, that is an average of six dollars for each concert, to be divided among 22 bandmen. This is enough to take the heart out of the most enthusiastic musician on earth.

In short, this state of things cannot go on; it is unreasonable to expect it. If the public do not wish to see the passing of this really fine band they will have to do something for its support. The collapse of the 5th Regiment band in Victoria for want of public support would be about the most disastrous advertisement this city could get.

The bandmaster has never been able, except in one solitary instance, since the band was organized on November 1st, 1893, to obtain employment for a bandman with any of the city merchants. As it is impossible for a man to live in what he can make from the band's engagements it will be seen that to keep the best men here is an impossibility; they will go where there is more appreciation of music. One of the bandmen, now with the Fifth is a first-class musician,

honorably discharged from the British army after 21 years' service. He has failed to obtain employment in the city during the three months he has been connected with the band, and it is feared the band may lose him. It is pointed out that this musician does not reside in Victoria's neighboring cities, Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma, etc., where bandmen readily obtain employment from the local merchants.

Mr. Finn could give to Victoria a first-class military band, second to none on the coast if the merchants of the city would help by giving employment to some of the bandmen, who are all men of excellent character and more than average intelligence. The heaviest share of the burden falls upon the officers of the battalion, who ought not to be allowed to bear the cost of keeping up an organization which is a source of great pleasure to all the citizens and a first-rate advertisement for the city.

The Tanganyika Concessions Company, Limited, of England, is about to send out to Africa a large iron steamer to ply on Lake Tanganyika, and to be used primarily in laying the wires of the Cape to Cairo telegraph line along the shore of the lake. The hull and engines can be taken to pieces and packed in parcels of 40 pounds each for transport. She is named the Cecil Rhodes and measures 80 feet long, 14 feet beam, 7 feet deep; built of Siemens-Martin steel and can carry a load of 40 tons on light draught. After the trial trip on the Thames a cablegram of congratulation was sent to Mr. Rhodes, who is now residing in Kimberley.

So greatly concerned are the Finnish people at the suppression of their newspapers by the Russian government that they have subscribed \$25,000 for a press pension fund on behalf of the stranded journalists. The only answer the Russian officials return to the protests of the Finns against this monstrous deprivation is: "The law must be observed." If the Finns do not seek other lands where the principles of reason and justice are better understood than they are by those Russian tyrants they will grievously disappoint their friends and admirers.

Within the county of London an enormous amount of evening technical instruction is being given. The teaching is thorough, and the classes in applied science run side by side with others in pure science, in which the student is encouraged to speak, saturated in theory before passing on to the practical departments. Without theory, the experts say, the student cannot master the application of science to the practical details of various industries. The progress being made in those institutions is highly satisfactory.

Indian newspapers and magazines are almost unanimous in condemning the poisoning of Sir George White to the command in Natal, and they severely criticize his conduct of the campaign. The Carcutta Englishman, one of the most influential of them, urges the government to place General Sir Archibald Hunter at the head of the forces there. The Anglo-Indian cannot forget or forgive White's mistakes in the Tirah campaign.

One of the chief reasons why the native Indian troops were not sent to the Transvaal was because they are armed with the Martini-Henry rifle, which has a drop of eight feet two inches in 500 yards as compared with two feet for the Lee-Metford rifle ball. Troops armed with Martini would do as much execution as pea-shooters against troops armed with the repeating, smokeless Mausers.

It is very interesting (for one thing) to see an important Anglo-Indian newspaper referring to "that very formidable soldier General Sir W. Gatacre," and that "he is hardly likely to make the mistakes Sir George White has made." Of course that was written a good while before the affair at Stormberg.

Cornelia B. de Bey, a Chicago doctor, who is preparing to go to South Africa to nurse the wounded Boers who step in front of Lyddite shells, Maxim guns and other furniture. She will join General Joubert's force under the auspices of the American Red Cross Society.

THE BAND CONCERT.

To the Editor: Your correspondent "Empire," of last evening is good and loyal, and that is the spirit which we admire, especially at the present time. He hopes the incoming council will provide music in the park next summer. That is good, too, but we hope they will be men that will have regard for the Sabbath. This appears to be looking ahead. Let us take the present time. The band concerts at the Drill Hall are good and credit is due to the bandmen who give their services every week. There is one thing, sir, which you will allow is unpleasant to many—that is to forego smoke. There are many who like to attend the band concerts, but cannot do so, as tobacco smoke to them is poisonous and suffocating. There are hundreds I know who will voice these sentiments, and would attend the band concerts if smoking was prohibited.

BRITON.

Victoria, Dec. 1, 1899.

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Provincial Gazette

Incorporation Asked for the
Esquimalt United Service
Masonic Association.

A Number of Appointments on
Mainland—List of Incorporated
Companies.

There are few items of public interest in the official Gazette, which issues to-night. The announcements are as follows:

Court of Revision will be held at New Westminster city on January 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Chas. and Frederick Thulin, loggers, of Vancouver, have assigned. The creditors meet at Vancouver December 20th at 4 p.m.

Beeton & Ovington, brokers, of Roseland, have dissolved partnership. The following companies are incorporated: American Corporation, of Roseland, capital, \$200,000; Revelstoke-Hulk Company, of Revelstoke, capital, \$10,000; Pectolus Gold Mines, of Nelson, capital, \$1,500,000.

The Bankwaketts Concession Company, of London, Eng., capital, \$4,000, local office, Vancouver, W. J. Bowser, and J. J. Godfrey, attorneys; and The No. 7 Milling Company, of New York, capital, \$1,000,000, local office Amosands, and Fred Keller, attorney, are the new extra provincial companies which are registered.

Application will be made at the next sitting of the Legislature for an act to authorize the City of Grand Forks to drain and deposit the sewerage of and from the said city into the main Kettle River, and the North Fork of the same river.

Application is made by T. N. Woodgate, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp and A. C. Munro, for the incorporation of the United Service Masonic Association, at Esquimalt. Incorporation is also applied for by the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has transferred the jurisdiction of Arthur Murray Jarvis, Inspector N. W. M. F., Dalton, Trail, British Columbia, as a stipendiary magistrate from the county of Nanaimo to the county of Vancouver.

His Honor has made the following appointments: John E. Hosson, of Roseland, to be acting registrar of the county court of Kootenay, Holden and Roseland, during the absence of A. R. Townsend, registrar.

Alf. de Rupe Taylor of Ladner to be a deputy, within the municipality of Delta, of the district registrar of births, marriages and deaths.

Hugh B. Garmon, Grand Forks, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners, vice Jeff Davis.

Robt. T. Graham, of Lillooet, commissioner of East Lillooet license district, vice W. Livingstone.

Fred. Billings, of Vernon, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for said city.

To be justices of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: John R. Ferguson, Midway; Jas. K. Strachan, Nelson; Lading Wurzbach, Vancouver.

Personal.

G. McI. Brown, executive agent of the G.P.R., is at the Driford.
Hon. R. E. McKechnie, President of the Council, came down on the noon train, and is at the Driford.
To-day's arrivals at the Driford include F. J. Armstrong, New Westminster; Charles Stewart, Seattle; C. G. Ballantyne, Honolulu; J. F. Trowbridge, Seattle; A. H. MacNeill and wife, Kelowna; C. W. Cook, Tacoma; and H. R. Neare, London.

When Mr. Justice Drake took his seat on the bench this morning to hear the proceedings in the matter of the election petition of Stoddart vs. Prentice, Mr. H. E. Robertson for the petitioner applied for an adjournment until the seventeenth day after the next session of the Legislature terminates, it being impossible to hear it within fifteen days after the session ends. This was not objected to by Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., for the respondent, and an order in accordance with the application was made.

The Social Club, A.O.F., meets this evening at J. J. Randolph's office, over the Ft. Reform store, Government street. All members are requested to be present.

Light griefs do speak, while sorrow's tongue is bound.—Seneca.

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NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—In the matter of 3.527 acres of land on Pender Island held by the undersigned under Crown Grants. By various misrepresentations and illegal process certain persons have assumed a right to advertise this land for sale. Be it known that the undersigned has neither sold, mortgaged, assigned, nor otherwise authorized the sale of this land. Notice—Any person or persons found cutting timber or running up sheep on this land will be prosecuted according to law. H. J. Robertson, Moresby Island.

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JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty, yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Peil & Co., Port street, grocers; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 59 Vancouver street. Telephone 136.

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VICTORIA COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, meets first Thursday in every month at Masonic Temple, Douglas street, at 7:30 p. m. B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

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NOTICE—Having taken over the wood business lately carried on by H. Harris at Victoria & Sidney Station Wood Yard, all orders telephoned to No. 511 will be promptly attended to. Also general teaming. F. H. Lindsay.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14, 5 a. m.—An area of low pressure is approaching Vancouver Island, and the barometer is consequently falling over the Pacific slope. The rainfall has been light. In the Northwest Territories the pressure still continues very high, with temperatures below zero.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, increasing to fresh tonight, partly fair and milder, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Milder temperature, cloudy, with rain, easterly winds.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 36; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, 1/2; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 2 below; minimum, 4 below; wind, calm; weather, calm.
Nash, Wash.—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, cloudy.
Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, foggy.
Tacoma—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 35; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, 0.1; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 48; minimum, 47; wind, 12 miles S.E.; rain, .02; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

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Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, anytime before Xmas and bring the children with you; it will delight them and please you.

Miss Edith Lombard and Miss Sophie McNiff, in vocal solos, are to be the "extra attractions" for next Saturday evening's Drill Hall concert.

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon of J. G. Wilson, of Vancouver, and Miss M. L. C. Griffin, daughter of Mr. Wm. Griffin, of Fergus, Ont. Rev. D. Macrae officiated.

All the applications for transfer of licenses printed in yesterday's Times as being before the commissioners were granted at the meeting of the board held yesterday afternoon.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Odelette school takes place this evening at seven o'clock in Christ church school room. There will be a musical drill, English and French plays, etc.

The man on the street corner advertises his wares by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "HONDI." Ask all those friends of yours who use it.

The names of the committee having in charge the C. O. U. W. ball are as follows, not as given in yesterday's issue: P. Dykes, J. Nankeville, W. H. Smith, E. M. Haynes, W. Jones and George Payne.

In order to assist the deaf and dumb institute a concert will be given in the A. O. U. W. hall on the evening of Dec. 20th. The admission fee has been placed at 25 cents in order that none may be prevented from attending by the price of the tickets.

At the meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association held at the city hall last night, Secretary A. J. Dalhousie tendered his resignation, but was requested to suspend it until the annual meeting. It was further decided to hold a special meeting of members at the city hall at 8 p.m. on December 27th, for the election of officers and other business, which all members are urged to attend.

A capital opportunity to learn of the conditions which prevail in South Africa to-day was afforded last night when Mr. C. McQuinn delivered a lecture on the Transvaal in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. The lecturer, who for many years resided in the disaffected district, traced the history of the present struggle from its inception until now, touching upon the coming of the Boer, the long struggle with England and the habits and characteristics of the people. The address was illustrated by splendid stereoscopic views.

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Two small errors crept into yesterday's local column—the Port Angeles "sale" was referred to as a "tax" and the Queen's hotel was said to be summoned for selling liquor last Sunday, instead of on a Sunday during September last.

Owing to final rehearsals and other preparations for the cantata "Britannia and Her Daughters," the usual Saturday evening concert in Temperance Hall will not be held. Mr. Brown and others of the committee being too busy in connection with the cantata.

Friends of Mr. Smithurst of A Company, Canadian contingent, who was woned so enthusiastically at the S. O. E. dinner a few nights ago, will be interested to learn that he has been selected for the pioneer corps. His name has been placed on orders for duties pertaining to his calling, that of tinmith.

At the meeting of the Licensing board yesterday applications for transfer of licenses were granted in all the cases mentioned in yesterday's Times, excepting three. The exceptions are the Royal and Adelaide saloons and the Dallas hotel, whose licenses were all temporarily extended until next sitting of the board.

It is not often that a prisoner argues the case to increase the penalty inflicted upon him, but that was what happened to the police court this morning when Ed. Scott, an old offender, came up for being drunk. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$7.50 or fifteen days, whichever the court should see fit. "You make it a fine, your honor? I want to straighten up." The court evidently thought fifteen days would serve the purpose for the sentence was allowed to stand.

One of the time-honored habits of the Scotsman wherever he may be living is to send his greetings to fellow countrymen throughout the world on "St. Andrew's night." That the true-hearted Scots of Dawson City did not forget their duty in this respect was evidenced by the following dispatch from Dawson under date of November 30th, which was received last night by the Associated Press representative here: "The St. Andrew's Society of Dawson sends greetings to their brethren of the outside world. Alfred Thompson, secretary."

In connection with the coming elections it is announced that Mr. Helyea will not seek re-election to the school board. Of the new candidates for the position, Aaron Lewis is the first to announce himself. It is not improbable that John Jardine, who has been approached on the subject, will be an aldermanic candidate in the South Ward. Dr. Lewis Hall announces that he has no intention of standing for mayor for the second reason that his property and the two powers in the Peninsula may be inevitable sooner or later, there is no cause at present for any alarm. The only international problem in Corea is the Masampo affair which is nothing more than an endeavor on the part of Russia to place obstacles in the way of ordinary business transactions concluded between individuals. It can hardly be made the subject of a diplomatic dispute between Japan and Russia. Recently there was a fracas at Fusan between Russian bluejackets and some Japanese, but that is too trivial an affair to be seriously taken up by the government of either country. It is true that Japan and Russia are struggling for supremacy in the peninsula, but there is no such immediate cause for alarm as appears to be entertained in England.

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Still Talk of War

Relations Between Japan and Russia Are Still Strained.

Sealing Schooner Feared to Have Been Lost Off Copper Islands.

According to advices received from the far east by the Empress of India the Russo-Japanese relations are still strained. The Japanese naval yards are no busier than ever. More work is being done than is compatible with the assertion by the government that the activity is simply occasioned by the anticipated arrival of the fleet. "It is rumored," says the Japan Mail, "that the destinations of certain vessels have been changed, and that the fleet is to be prepared for a cruise. Considering that the summer cruise is usually the only one undertaken by the fleet during the year, this looks as though some important event was being prepared for." At all events we shall do well to keep an eye upon Russia during the next four months.

The Russian minister to Japan, Baron Rosen, has been transferred to Serbia. His policy, that of securing cordially among the Russians and Japanese and being regarded with favor by his government. "It has been apparent for some time," says the Jiji, "that the Russian naval and military authorities in the east are not satisfied with Baron Rosen's policy, and are advocating the appointment of an official who will be more aggressive."

The Nippon seems to think that although war may ultimately be inevitable, the two powers are not on the threshold of strife. In a late issue it says: "Although collision between the two powers in the Peninsula may be inevitable sooner or later, there is no cause at present for any alarm. The only international problem in Corea is the Masampo affair which is nothing more than an endeavor on the part of Russia to place obstacles in the way of ordinary business transactions concluded between individuals. It can hardly be made the subject of a diplomatic dispute between Japan and Russia. Recently there was a fracas at Fusan between Russian bluejackets and some Japanese, but that is too trivial an affair to be seriously taken up by the government of either country. It is true that Japan and Russia are struggling for supremacy in the peninsula, but there is no such immediate cause for alarm as appears to be entertained in England."

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was barely done when Major Dürr ordered the troops to present arms. The sentence was read in German and interpreted in Chinese. On a sign from the commander, a couple of quiet commands a sharp volley was executed by ten men and the collapse of the condemned man indicated that the execution had been carried out. The corpse was placed in a coffin already prepared and carried away. As to the necessity and advisability of the execution both Europeans and Chinese held one opinion, and it is to be hoped that the lesson will have a salutary effect.

SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Tug Lorne arrived in the Royal Roads this afternoon with the ship Killarney, salmon-laden from the Fraser for Liverpool. The Lorne goes back to the river to-night for the County of Cardigan, also salmon-laden for England. There is now only one more vessel of the salmon fleet to sail, the Senator, which is still loading on the river. The Coriolanus is loaded and awaits a crew. She has in her hold 38,475 cases of salmon valued at \$207,000. The Killarney has 57,000 cases of salmon and 300 barrels of oil. The salmon fleet of this year consists of nine vessels. The first to sail was the City of Delhi, 8, sailed on October 20th for London with 52,755 cases of salmon. Three days later the Kirkhill sailed for Liverpool with 63,768 cases, and five days after her the River Falloch sailed for the same port with 61,633 cases. The Favell sailed for London on November 10th with 50,430 cases. The Cambrian Princess sailed last week with 57,786 cases. The Coriolanus only awaits her crew and to-morrow will set away, leaving only one of the fleet on the river. Altogether the fleet will carry about half a million cases of salmon to the English market, valued at about \$2,500,000. Some of the ships have taken on as ballast, which instead of proving valueless as shingle would, will bring many dollars to the ship owners from the English smelters.

The overdue British ship St. Enoch, which arrived off the mouth of the Columbia river and took on a pilot three weeks ago, afterward disappearing, and on which five per cent. refund is quoted, has again showed up at the mouth of the river, but was unable to make port. She was blown to the north and had a hard time working her way back. Captain Tuttle, who brought the British bark Ancona to the Columbia river, says he lay alongside the St. Enoch Saturday and talked with the captain. He reported three men sick, but not dangerously so. She had received a box of apples and some potatoes from a pilot schooner, and they were not short of provisions. As there is a pilot boat there are no fears but that she will finally succeed in crossing the bar and getting into port.

Steamer Victorian will arrive on time to-morrow morning. As stated in these columns she ran foul of some drift and snapped off one blade of her propeller. Captain Tuttle, who brought the British bark Ancona to the Columbia river, says he lay alongside the St. Enoch Saturday and talked with the captain. He reported three men sick, but not dangerously so. She had received a box of apples and some potatoes from a pilot schooner, and they were not short of provisions. As there is a pilot boat there are no fears but that she will finally succeed in crossing the bar and getting into port.

The report that Nome City in the new goldfields was not to be made a port of entry, so as to prevent Canadian vessels from landing freight and passengers there, is dissipated by the declarations of United States Consul Abraham E. Smith, who says that by the time the steamers are ready to clear for Nome in the spring it will be possible for them to clear direct for that port. They will be permitted to call at St. Michael under such conditions as the Victoria steamers now call at Wrangell en route to Skagway. The United States government has decided to establish a customs station at Nome and the officer who is to take charge will go up on the first steamer sailing in the spring, which will be either the Amur or the Alpha.

Tug Sea Lion arrived at quarantine station last night with the bark C. D. Bryant bound up to Nanaimo to load coal after a rough passage of 41 days from Honolulu. She encountered awful weather, and in one of the many south-east gales had her main top gallant mast carried away. She passed on up to the collieries. When she was reported passing in doubt, hope again sprang up that the Colusa had made port, but no, there is still no word of the long missing bark, now 60 days out from Kahulu for this port.

American schooner Fred J. Woods arrived at Port Townsend yesterday from Santa Rosa, to which port she took a cargo of props from here. She will come over to Esquimalt to load another cargo of mining props for the Mexican

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port on account of the Compagnia de Boleo.

A Portland man has secured a contract to take the Columbia river lightship off the sands at McKenzie point and deliver her to the buoy station at Tongue point. He is to be paid \$12,000 if he is successful, but gets nothing if he fails.

Ship Sea King is now loaded at Chemainus. Tug Sea Lion will call for her on her way down from Nanaimo, whither she took the C. D. Bryant, and take her to Port Angeles to ship a crew.

Five sealing schooners cleared to-day for the coast cruise, the Carlotta G. Cox, Vera, Penelope, Umbria and E. B. Marvin. The Carlotta G. Cox and Vera sailed late this afternoon.

British ship Glenholm has arrived at Portland from Panama with yellow fever on board. A negro was removed from her suffering with the disease. She lost six men at Panama.

Barkentine North West has completed loading her cargo of props for Santa Rosa. She cleared for the Mexican port this morning.

Steamer Willapa will sail for northern British Columbia ports to-morrow evening, not this evening as announced yesterday.

German ship Sile sailed from Hongkong on November 7th for the Royal Roads to load lumber at the Chemainus mills.

Sealing schooner Oscar Rover has been chartered for the coast cruise by A. J. Bechtel and others.

Bark Highland Light will sail to-night for Departure Bay to load coal for San Francisco.

Italian bark Cavour will not leave for New Whatcom until to-morrow.

Steamer Umattilla is due this evening from San Francisco.

Steamer Chumby left Vancouver at 12.30 and connected.

Steamer Tees sailed for Skagway last night.

Steam collier Bristol passed out last night.

The Regimental ball to be held in the Drill Hall to-morrow evening promises to eclipse all other of the annual dances held under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment. The decorations are completed, and will astonish those who attend by the lavishness and tastefulness which has been bestowed upon them. There will be a large crowd as usual, and the indications are good that everything will be done to guarantee the enjoyment of every individual.

The Alaska grand jury have returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against J. Homer Bird, accused of killing three companions on the lower Yukon this spring.

Meers, Crisling and Trumbull of the Port Arches & Eastern R.R. will arrive this afternoon and hold a conference with the city council to-night.

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"MAY QUEEN" TO-NIGHT.

Philharmonic Society's First Concert of the Third Season—A Fashionable Function.

Under the patronage of Mr. F. Victor Agnita, the Philharmonic Society will this evening produce "May Queen" in the hall, View street, with full chorus and orchestra. It would perhaps be venturesome to prophesy that this first concert of the society's third season will eclipse all others previously given by this popular musical organization, but if constant rehearsal and careful attention to all the many details of so ambitious a production go for anything, it may confidently be relied upon that this evening's concert will rank high among the many successes achieved.

The soloists will be Miss Sophie McNiff (May Queen), Mrs. Jarvis (Queen), Mr. A. T. Goward (Crown), and Mr. Herbert Kent (Robin Hood, king of the foresters). The proceeds will be handed over to the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home.

The sale of seats indicates a very large attendance, and there is every reason to believe this will be one of the most fashionable musical functions of the season. Following is the programme:

"God Save the Queen" for Soli (chorus and orchestra), Sir Michael Costa; overture, chorus, "Wake with a Smile" recitative and air for tenor, "O, Meadow, Chide in Early Green of May" chorus, "O, Melancholy Night" soprano solo and chorus, "With a Laugh as We go Round" recitative and due for soprano and tenor, "Can I Not Find" recitative and air for bass, "I'll-fate-Boy, Begone" violin solo, "In memoriam" F. V. Austin (played in memory of the late Mr. William Greig, founder of the Arion Club; elegant music for orchestra; chorus, "Hark! Their Notes the Hunt

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Boys' Swifts' recitative and solo for contralto and chorus, "What Means the Angry Son" single solo for soprano, tenor and chorus, "And the Clouds Have Passed Away," "God Save the Queen" for soli (chorus and orchestra), Sir Michael Costa.

Another candidate for the position of Chief of Police has announced himself in the person of Sergeant Redgrave.

Provincial News.

GRAND FORKS.

A movement is on foot among the prominent ladies of the town to do something in the way of starting a public reading room in Fernie.

CODY.

Social circles have been interested in the marriage of Mr. George B. McDonald, assistant manager of the Noble Elm mine at Cody, and Miss Louise Fairchild Hammond. The Rev. J. A. Cleland officiated. The bride, who was a becoming travelling costume of dark grey, was assisted by her sister, Miss Hammond, while the groom was supported by Mr. C. K. Hammond, brother of the bride.

NELSON.

W. R. Jarvis returned from Revelstoke on Saturday evening with his bride. Upon his return he was made the recipient of a handsome dinner service and a check from the civic employees.

The secretary of the Nelson lacrosse hockey team has received a communication from Rossland to the effect that the formation of the proposed hockey league depends upon the nature of the replies received from the Nelson hockey club and the Boundary clubs, neither of whom have as yet responded.

SAVANNAH.

A distressing fire occurred at Savannah whereby the family of Wm. Thompson, section foreman, were burned out of home. A defective fuse caused the fire, which spread with terrible rapidity. Mrs. Thompson, with the youngest child, escaped by jumping through the window of the bedroom. Her two daughters were badly scorched in getting out of the front door. The house was burned to the ground, everything being lost, including the wearing apparel of the inmates.

ROSSLAND.

Dr. Kenning was out on Monday for the first time since his recent accident. The doctor is far from well yet, but is anxious to attend to his business. Mrs. Kenning is progressing favorably, but is still suffering from the effects of the upset.

The soldiers of the Salvation Army corps on Monday evening presented Capt. S. V. H. H. with a handsome gold watch, as a testimony of their admiration for her tireless labors while here, and particularly for the great assistance she rendered in obtaining funds for the erection of the new barracks.

VERNON.

At the last meeting of the aldermen here they had this resolution before them: "Whereas, it is commonly reported that gaming is carried on in many of the hotels, as well as in private rooms in the city; and whereas, it is also commonly reported that this fact is well known to the police; therefore, we, the undersigned members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union respectfully beg that the police be summoned before your honorable body, and an investigation be made into the truth of these reports, and if necessary such steps be taken as you deem advisable for the enforcement of the law."

KAMLOOPS.

The introduction of the meter system is effecting a considerable reduction in the cost of operating the electric light plant. This innovation, with the use of dry wood, has made a difference of about \$60 a week in the cost of operating the power plant, compared with the same period of last year.

Letters have been received from R. B. Campbell, one of Kamloops' contribution to the Canadian contingent, written in mid-ocean. Campbell has some amusing stories to tell of experiences on board the Sardinian. Most of the men were very sea sick, and in view of the crowded quarters, there was not much comfort for anyone. He describes the daily exercises to keep the boys in trim.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The municipality of Delta has a large force of men at work repairing the break in the Delta dyke near Port Guichon. Mr. Norman Fraser, ticket agent at the local C.P.R. station, is confined to the house with symptoms of typhoid fever. The local messenger of the same company is also in the hospital with an attack of this fever.

The City Council met on Monday night pursuant to adjournment. The clerk, as returning officer, read the results of the civic election, the announcement being received with great applause. The clerk presented a pay-roll for the expenses of the civic elections, amounting to \$41.50, which was ordered paid.

PHOENIX.

Patrick Sullivan, who was hurt by the bucket falling on him in the Old Ironsides shaft last week, is steadily improving.

Duncan McIntosh has returned from a trip to Montreal, in the interest of the new tramway and electric light project for Phoenix.

Jas. Callahan, a miner, was taken to Midway last week by Officer Dinmore, and from there will be sent to the insane asylum at New Westminster.

W. R. Williams, J. F. Heniway and G. W. Bamberger have been elected fire wardens by acclamation.

J. A. Corryell, C.E., has completed the survey for the Phoenix water works. Work on the system is being done as rapidly as possible. At present the water is taken from the dam built last summer. It is the intention of the company to pump water from the New York lake to a reservoir to be built above the railway grade. This will give sufficient pressure for fire protection.

Elmer Storer, aged eight years, had the ends of two fingers blown off while playing with some caps the other morning. His face was also badly cut up in many places. It is feared the boy may

lose both eyes, and it has been decided to send him to Spokane for treatment.

FERNIE.

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Mr. E. W. Whitworth, inspector over the coal and oil fields, has been ordered to report on the coal and oil fields of the province.

A young lad named Andrew Baird, employed at the mines, had the misfortune to have his arm broken last week while coupling the small coal cars which bring the coal from underground. Dr. Bonnell set the fractured bone.

Messrs. Digby and Swanson have a gang of men at work on the new rink which they are building near the Roman Catholic church. When ready for the skaters the ice will be 40x100 feet.

The seats for the new school house have at last arrived. The building has now been ready for them for about six weeks. It is to be hoped the seats will be put in place at once, so that school may start in the new building after New Year.

NELSON.

George Johnston, collector of customs for the port of Nelson, has been notified that on January first the outposts of Bedlington, better known as Rykerts, will be detached from the port of Nelson and placed under the port of Kaslo.

Mrs. Neill has been notified to act as chairman at the smoker which will be given in the opera house on the evening of December 15th, for the purpose of swelling the Nelson House fund.

The following are the official figures of the membership of the Miners' Union in the camps in Kootenay and Yale: Sandown 320, Wrentham 110, Stewart 120, New Denver 50, Shewan 48, Phoenix 240, Ymir 125, Rossland 1,400, Phoenix 100, Greenwood 70, Camp McKim 30. Sixty-five per cent. of the Sandon miners are British subjects and 75 per cent. of the Whitewater men. There are 285 members of the Sandon union employed in that camp at present.

A meeting of the joint committee representing the trustees of the Nelson and Hume school districts and the city council was held on Monday, when a resolution was passed reciting that it was the unanimous wish of the school trustees and the city council that a high school should be erected in Nelson, and requesting the board of trade to cooperate with the joint committee in securing from the government block 49 as a school site, and a money grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a school building.

The work on the gas company's plant is progressing apace. C. Lemon and H. Sutcliffe, who were engaged in installing the twelve retorts for manufacturing gas, finished the work on Saturday and left for Toronto in the evening. Two carloads of plant have just been delivered, and a further shipment of four or five carloads of material is en route. The better incinerator material for the gas holder or reservoir, which will be pushed to completion rapidly.

VANCOUVER.

George Dalton, who was hurt in a runaway smash-up on Saturday night, is doing as well as can be expected at the city hospital.

There has been started during the last couple of days quite a large gambling game in the city. Now is the time that loggers and miners are coming to the city for the winter, and it is reported that several quite large sums have been dropped in the house referred to during the last couple of evenings.

Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison have purchased the old smelter site in the city, and it is the intention, later on to build a much larger foundry there than they have on the present site.

Three boys were given a warning by the police magistrate on Tuesday afternoon never again to engage in the questionable sport of shooting sea-gulls. The boys were seen out on the inlet, and were mistaken for drunken Indians, on account of the hot fusillade they were firing. Officers D. D. McIntosh and Park went in pursuit and captured the boys.

Mr. T. Graham, of Revelstoke, is in the city. He is the new provincial manager for the Goldfields of British Columbia, Mr. Grant-Govan's company. He succeeds Mr. Perry Leake, who is now on his way home to the Old Country.

The question of the complaint of Mr. P. Fewster of ill-treatment at the hands of the police, was taken up at the meeting of the police committee on Wednesday. Mr. Skinner thought that on the record of the city solicitor, the officers could use their discretion in a case where a citizen was given in charge by a responsible party. In this case, a manager of a bank had asked for the removal of Mr. Fewster. It was mentioned that Mr. Fewster had entered suit for \$2,500 against the bank, and the first writs in connection therewith had already been served. The letter from the city solicitor was read for reference, and the matter was dropped.

The marriage of J. J. Holland, of Kamloops, and Mary, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Hunter, of 210 Georgia Street, this city, took place on Tuesday at the residence of the bride's mother, Miss Lawson acted as bridesmaid and C. N. Cornell was best man. Rev. Mr. McLaughlin officiated.

ASTORIA.

Mrs. George Budden, Putnamville, Ont., says: "I feel it my duty to recommend Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as I had the asthma very bad; could get nothing to do me any good. A friend of mine persuaded me to try this remedy, as he had tried it and it proved successful. I tried it and it cured me. I am thankful to-day to say I am a well woman through the use of this remedy." 25 cents a bottle. Family size 50 cents.

Mining News.

Rossland Camp.

The fact that the output of ore for the past week from Rossland mines exceeded 5,500 tons, should demonstrate clearly that the camp is prospering favorably. It is the second largest shipment for any one week ever made by the mines, the banner week being that ending Saturday, November 26th, when 6,100 tons were sent out.

Major Collins, on being applied to on Saturday, said that the Le Roi and all the other properties of the B. A. C. were progressing favorably and the development work was being pushed as usual.

Mr. Hastings was seen, but stated that there was nothing of importance to give out this week concerning the War Eagle and Centre Star. The shipments from the latter exceed 1,000 tons, and are the largest for any week this year. The electrical compressor continues to run both satisfactorily, and one side of the big hoist continues to be used. The temporary compressor plant at the head of the Centre Star mine shaft is about completed and housed, and the small hoisting apparatus at the shaft in the 250-foot level is now in working order, so that both properties are in fair shape to do good work from this time on.

The list of working properties in the camp now includes the Le Roi, War Eagle, Centre Star, Iron Mask, L. X. L., Monte Christo, Columbia-Kootenay, Number 1, Jumbo, Josie, Gertrude, Coxy, Virginia, Deer Park, White Bear, Sunset No. 2, Iron Colt, Evening Star, California, Mountain Trail, Velvet, Mascot, New St. Elmo, Evening, Nickel Plate, Great Western, Paris Belle, Wallingford, Ethel, Green Mountain, Letter, and several others. There are more working properties in and adjacent to Rossland than at any time in the history of the camp, and the weekly output is now greater than ever before.

The total shipments for the week and for the year to date are as follows:

	Week.	Year.
Le Roi	2,500	88,577
War Eagle	1,900	60,728
Iron Mask	150	5,267
Evening Star	150	1,668
Deer Park	100	18
Centre Star	1,110	14,155
Columbia-Kootenay	100	111
Virginia	100	100
Mountain Trail	100	100
L. X. L.	100	75
Coxy	100	100
Monte Christo	100	100
Total	5,840	170,248

Glant-Messrs. E. D. Sanders and C. W. H. M. Ridpath were in the city during the week for the purpose of looking after the operations on the Glant. They said that they intended to at once commence the work of shipping the ore which is on the dump. About 400 tons of ore is immediately available. The roads are being planned to get in such a condition that it can now be hauled from the Glant to the railway. "It is in the way of the buildings which we propose erecting, and must be removed," said Mr. Ridpath. "We are also making the necessary arrangements for installing the four-drill compressor. This compressor is only a makeshift and will be succeeded later on by a ten-drill plant. We have not fully decided on a plan for the development of the Glant, but think it very probable that we will use the old shafts and commence open underground exploratory work from there. Let me tell you also that we are greatly pleased with the way the Glant is turning out."

Arthur, a syndicate of local business men has been formed to take over the Arthur mine on Sophie mountain, about two miles from the Velvet. The terms have been arranged and the deal concluded. A company is being formed to be known as the Arthur Mines, Limited. The promoter is just as much interested in the mine as the syndicate, and has acquired suit out men to erect buildings suitable for a winter camp, and these will be completed in a few days.

Monte Christo. The Monte Christo started shipping during the past week. There are now nine men working in the mine developing and stopping out ore.

Deer Park. Work is still being prosecuted on the Big Four crosscutting the vein, and the group is looking well. The ore is getting better with every shot and only 10 feet more to be opened before the pay chute is reached.

Deer Park. In the Deer Park mine 22 men are at work regularly, and the south drift is being driven from the 900-foot level of the No. 1 shaft to tap the new find at depth. The men are working in three eight-hour shifts, and 31 feet was made during the past week, and the breast is now within 40 feet of coming directly under the new shaft, where an upraise will be started to connect with the new shaft. The property is looking well.

California. The new building at the California are now nearly completed, and

Six months later Whistler returned to the Elvess. He was accompanied by his wife and two children. They had two matches, both of which were held in Metz hall, and both resulted in draws. The first match of one hour and ten minutes was a wrestling without a fall, and the second of one hour and fifteen minutes. This was a remarkable performance, inasmuch as Whistler was experienced, still not as old and scientific as his antagonist. Whistler went to Kansas City, accompanied by Marie, where the latter matched him against a well known professional named Murphy, from New York, for a purse of \$50. Whistler was an easy winner, and in the first fall injured the Gothaite so severely that he was permanently disabled and never appeared on the mat again.

This discouraged Whistler, and he quit athletics and went on the Kansas fire department; where he distinguished himself on the occasion of a fire by leaping from the hose-reel and making the coupling while on a dead run. A month of this employment was sufficient for the restless young Hercules, and he returned to Omaha.

Marc Christol took him once more under his wing, and in the fall of '81 escorted him to New York. He created a furore in the metropolis by throwing big Martin Quigley three times in forty-five minutes. Quigley weighed 200 pounds, and in these days was considered all but invincible. His next notable match was with Billy Sinden, the pride of Gotham. They fought at Madison Square Garden in the presence of a tremendous audience. It was one of

work on them is being vigorously pushed. As soon as they have been finished and the hoist has been put in position it is intended to go ahead with the shaft. Fifteen men are at work underground and there are in all 32 men working above and below.

Heather Belle. Mr. Sam Portoth, manager of the Heather Belle, says that he has a force of seven men at work, and a shaft of 100 feet has been sunk.

Paris Belle. The first shaft on the Paris Belle has been abandoned temporarily on account of surface water, and another started at the intersection of the north-west and main east and west levels.

Iron Colt. It is now cleaning time at the Iron Colt property, and everything is being put in shape to resume operations after the long shut down.

Norway Mountain. The shaft on the Norway Mountain property is being continued down and the values have doubled in the last 12 feet and are continuing to increase.

Jumbo. The tunnel on the Jumbo property is now in 450 feet, and work is being actively pushed with a force of five men.

Coxy. A contract has been let for driving a tunnel on the Coxy as far as needed for the present, and now at work on this arrangement.

Gertrude. Nineteen men are now working on the Gertrude property drifting north and south.

Sunset No. 2. In the Sunset No. 2 property, drifting on the No. 1 and No. 3 veins west is being actively prosecuted, and work is being pushed.

N. X. L. Work is being actively pushed on the crescent from No. 3 tunnel in the N. X. L. The crescent has been driven about 60 feet, and it is expected that the ledge will be reached shortly.

HE DISCOVERED WHISTLER. That one of the greatest athletes of modern times achieved his first renown in Omaha, may not be generally known, but still it is a fact that this distinction belongs to Whistler, the wrestler, and pupil of Prof. Lucien Marc Christol, who is now in this city, instructor to the J. B. A. A. Whistler was born in Delphi, Ind., 1857, and after a brief but eventful career, died in Australia in the year 1885.

In 1879 Cobb Greene was the proprietor of the Elvess garden, an amusement resort, and to him and Marc Christol belongs the credit of bringing the "incomparable Whistler" before the public. Whistler was a moulder and worked in a foundry. He spent many evenings at the Elvess listening to the music and watching the varied performances which the enterprising proprietor was lavish in supplying. Whistler was a big, strong, good-looking young fellow, and wherever there was anything of an athletic character on was particularly enthusiastic. One evening he strolled into the garden, and seeing Christol seated on a chair enjoying his afternoon nap, he was laughingly said: "Christol, I guess I'll just pick you up with my teeth and take a little walk with you." And so it began. Whistler was a moulder and worked in a foundry. He spent many evenings at the Elvess listening to the music and watching the varied performances which the enterprising proprietor was lavish in supplying. Whistler was a big, strong, good-looking young fellow, and wherever there was anything of an athletic character on was particularly enthusiastic. One evening he strolled into the garden, and seeing Christol seated on a chair enjoying his afternoon nap, he was laughingly said: "Christol, I guess I'll just pick you up with my teeth and take a little walk with you." And so it began.

Whistler next turned up under the management of Arthur Chambers in Philadelphia, where he took a course of instruction from Joe McGillick, a lightweight Cornish wrestler, finishing his schooling. Whistler loudly proclaimed himself the champion wrestler, and the crowd, and defied all comers. Shortly after this he went on the road again, and he and Muldoon doubling up in an athletic combination. They were out a year, and Whistler wrestled all comers in every part of the United States, meeting fully one hundred of the very best men to be found in the country.

After the disbanding of the Whistler and Muldoon combination, he made a match with Tom Cannon, the famous English champion, for \$500 a side. Cannon won the first fall in twenty minutes, Whistler slipping on an orange peel that some party had cast upon the carpet. The Englishman went down easy, however, in the next two falls. This was in Kansas City. Whistler's winning was \$2,500. As an evidence of a magnanimous and generous nature, he returned Cannon's \$500 to him. Subsequently he met Bauer and Duncan C. Bess, beating both hands down, and again he went against his old partner Muldoon in two other matches in San Francisco.

The first he lost, breaking his shoulder blade, but the second he won heavily. Next he defeated Tom Cannon, then Peter Watkins, the Frenchman. Leaving Paris, Whistler went to Australia by the advice of his old professor, Marc Christol, where he bested every man foolishly enough to tackle him. His last match was a lamentable one, for out of it grew the disease that sent poor Whistler to his grave. It was with Prof. William Miller, at Melbourne, which after a terrific battle, the boy won in two straight falls. His winnings reached the sum of \$9,271. He took the first fall in one hour and forty minutes, Miller being so enervated that he could hardly stand.

Three weeks after this memorable meet the Melbourne enthusiasts gave the American a banquet, at which the same forces he had defeated were present. At a moment when the excitement of an unguarded moment he seized the rim of a can of wine in his teeth and by sheer strength lifted it upon an adjacent table. The next morning he complained of a sore in his chest, and that night he was seized with a chill, which developed into acute pneumonia. Three days in Melbourne, his legion of friends and admirers erecting a magnificent monument to his memory.

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It may surprise some people to know that "Chocolate" is so important a thing to every regiment now on active service in South Africa is served with a regular ration of it, so that every man may carry about two ounces with him. With this in his pocket he is safe from the immediate danger of starvation. Chocolate-Mentier, the best and purest form of Chocolate, has wonderful strengthening properties, so much so that in the north of Spain and a part of Provence a breakfast usually consists of bread and a stick of Chocolate-Mentier.

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SEALED TENDERS

addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Electric Elevator, Public Building, Victoria, B. C." will be received until Monday, January 8th, 1900, for the construction of an electric elevator in the Customs Examining Warehouse at Victoria, B. C.

Department of Public Works.

Ottawa, 6th December, 1899. Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Revision and Appeal will air as follows: For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City: At Small Debits Court, Law Courts, City of Victoria, on Friday, the 20th, and Saturday, the 21st, of December, 1899, at 11:30 o'clock a. m. For the Electoral District of South Victoria: At the Royal Oak, on Saturday, the 23rd day of December, 1899, at 11:30 o'clock a. m. and at John Camp's, South Stanley, on Saturday, the 13th day of January, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

TENDERS.

Steamer Reindeer.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, December 26th, 1899, for the purpose of the steamer "Reindeer" to be built at Victoria. The steamer "Reindeer" is to be built at Victoria. The steamer "Reindeer" is to be built at Victoria.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the position of Chief of Police for Victoria, B. C., will be received by the Police Commissioners, City Hall, till Tuesday, December 26th, 1899.

NOTICE.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, having determined that it is desirable under the provisions of the Municipal Improvement Act, to lay down a wooden block pavement with stone curbs and concrete foundations on the easterly limit of Douglas street.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Corporation of the City of Victoria to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session for an Act authorizing and enabling the said Corporation to enter into and execute a lease of lands to any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be in a position and willing to carry out the terms thereof. First, all that tract or parcel of land, partly covered by water slides within the limits of the Corporation, called, or commonly known as, the "Belt" of the City of Victoria, lying between the easterly limit of Douglas street and extending from the said Douglas street to the easterly limit of the said Douglas street, and including the 210, 208, 206, 204, and 202 in Block 25, and Lot 102, Block 11, of the Church Trust, and more particularly shown on the official map of the said city, for any period not exceeding fifty years from the date of such lease, and upon the terms and conditions set forth in a certain by-law of the said Corporation, passed on the 7th day of August, 1899, and known as the "James Bay Bridge and Flats Reclamation By-Law, 1899" (being a by-law of the said Corporation, for the reclamation of the James Bay Flats), and for the purposes mentioned in the said by-law, to the said Corporation, called, or commonly known as, the "Belt" of the City of Victoria, lying between 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Through the South of B.C.

The First of a Series of Articles Descriptive of the C.P.R. Excursion.

The Mining Centres of Kootenay and of Boundary Visited.

A New Region Opened Up to Trade-Its Great Possibilities.

The party of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster business men who accepted the invitation of the management of the C. P. R. to join in an excursion to the newly opened up Boundary country, returned yesterday, the Victoria contingent coming over from the Mainland by the Chasler and arriving here last evening. They left Victoria on Tuesday last, the 5th inst., by the ordinary boat for Vancouver, so the trip occupied exactly ten days—ten days spent in almost continuous travelling and sight-seeing.

Whatever may have been the principal object of the excursion—the strengthening and increase of business relations, or to convince the business men of the Coast that the extension of the C. P. R. has completely lifted the necessity of granting a charter to any other company for a railway in the Boundary country—it is freely admitted by all who took part that the Coast merchants have derived much useful information, that formerly existing business relations have been cemented and the possibilities of an increase of trade with the vast interior of Southern British Columbia immeasurably increased.

So much was seen on the trip, so many important facts gained, that a full resume of all would occupy much more space than can be devoted to it in one issue of the Times. It is proposed therefore to divide the account of the excursion as written by the representative of the Times who accompanied the excursion, into a short series of articles, a plan which has the additional recommendation that it will serve to keep before the readers of this paper a matter of very great importance longer than would be the case if a report of unwieldy length were published in one issue, and the trip therefor forgotten.

The Ground Covered.

Leaving the Pacific Coast terminals of the Canadian Pacific on Tuesday, the 5th, the party was accommodated in Pullman cars and entertained, as the railway company know so well how to entertain their guests, in their temporary homes, the way to Arrowhead, which was reached early on Wednesday morning. Leaving Arrowhead immediately afterwards on board the steamer Kootenay, one of the magnificent new boats of the lake fleet, of which Capt. J. W. Trapp is the commodore, the excursionists found that everything was arranged to their liking, and their comfort. The commodore made himself personally responsible for the lake and river portion of the trip, and the members of the party attended to the provision of entertainment for themselves by arranging an impromptu smoking concert, at which songs, recitations and speeches were given, and much enthusiasm displayed. Robson was reached in the evening, calls being made en route at Haley's Hot Springs, Nakusp and other points. At Haley's Hot Springs, the party was provided for the accommodation of the visitors that night, and meals were served on board the boats Minto and Roseland.

In the morning the Coast party was joined by a big delegation of Nelson and Roseland business men, and then a start was made on the Columbia and Western extension to the country which they had come especially to see. The new road, ninety miles in length, afforded the excursionists constant surprises, and provided subject for much flattering comment; the switchback, a temporary construction to be done away with when the tunnel, now under way through the Building mountain, is completed, being pronounced one of the most wonderful engineering feats on the continent.

Chasler City was seen but for a few minutes, and the visitors were then afforded the opportunity of seeing in the late hours of the afternoon the magnificent stretch of pastoral land which lies between there and Grand Forks, the party being taken there right through to the terminus, the city of Greenwood.

At the last mentioned place several old Victorians were on hand to provide for the comfort of their visiting friends, and among these should be especially mentioned Duncan Ross and R. E. Gosnell, ex-provincial librarian, both now engaged in the newspaper business, and both enthusiastic in their belief that Greenwood is destined to become the metropolis of the great Boundary country.

In the evening, after the members of the party had been given time to visit the much needed barber and to otherwise refresh themselves after their long trip, a banquet was served at which the attendance was so great that not nearly as could be accommodated.

It was a great success, however, and from the first dish to the last there was nothing of which anyone could complain, unless it were the surfeit of good things. The mayor of the city, Mr. Hardy, presided, and during the evening speeches were made by Senator Reid, Thomas Earle, M. P., W. A. Wood, president of the Victoria Board of Trade; L. G. McQuade, vice-president; Fred Pleschke, vice-president of the Vancouver Board; T. J. Trapp, of the New Westminster Board; J. P. McCrae, of the Roseland Board, and others.

The subject discussed by the speakers was very wide and important, the keynote being the opportunity and need for increasing the business relations of the Boundary with the Coast.

The night was spent in Greenwood, and on Friday a start was made on the return journey to Grand Forks, which was reached on the 12th inst., in the

evening. Here there was more enthusiasm, brass bands, banquet, congratulatory speeches and much promise of increased business.

The banquet was spread in the newly completed Yale hotel, a handsome structure which was a surprise to most of the party.

At Nelson the programme of banquets was changed very acceptably, and a smoking concert given in the new opera house by amateur talent afforded lots of entertainment until the midnight hour.

The next day (Sunday) was enjoyed occupied by sight-seeing in the snow-enveloped city, the party being well and comfortably housed at the various well appointed hotels, among which should be mentioned especially the Blair and the Hume.

The smelter was thrown wide open for inspection, and the whole day was so well occupied that by the time the party again boarded the train for Roseland there was little need for anything to be done to entertain them, "sleep, balm sleep" being the main requisite for the comfort of all. Roseland was reached late at night and the party was welcomed by the brass band and a huge delegation of citizens headed by the mayor.

Then everyone looked around for sleeping quarters, and left the sight-seeing and exchange of compliments for the following day.

Monday was another busy time. The Le Roi and Centre Star mines attracted most of the visitors, and the work done, the busy sight presented, the wonderful engineering work inspected, and the general activity impressed all with the importance of the Roseland camp. Late in the afternoon a banquet, modestly called "a luncheon," was served in the Hotel Allan, where the feast of Her Majesty was duly honored and the assistant engineer of the Columbia and Western, Mr. John G. Sullivan, the assistant superintendent, Mr. J. A. Gaultier, and the C.P.R. agent at Roseland, popular "Archie" MacKenzie, presided.

Reaching Arrowhead early in the evening, the comfortable Pullman cars were again boarded, and from that point the members of the party made themselves at home on the "Canton" and "Corea" until they reached the Terminal City at noon yesterday.

En route a presentation was made to Mr. Allan Cameron, the assistant general freight agent of the Pacific division, and to Mr. "Slim" Sykes, sleeping and dining car agent; the former being taken completely aback by receiving a very valuable gold watch, suitably inscribed, and Mr. Sykes being made even happier than is his wont by the presentation to him of a handsome travelling companion and a pair of gold and jewelled cuff links.

Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., made the presentations, which were accompanied by suitable addresses, and the following remarks of Victoria's junior member were punctuated throughout by the enthusiastic applause of the members of the party who had been treated with such unflinching courtesy by Messrs. Cameron and Sykes, the major domos of the party.

There came hearty cheers to the representatives of the press accompanying the excursionists who were continued until the attention they had shown to the other members by providing them with daily papers throughout the trip, and the compliment was briefly acknowledged by Mr. McLagan, of the Vancouver World.

The porters were remembered in good style, and all evening the homeward journey was enlivened by song and story, the chorus "Oh love you, Ma Honey," which was made throughout the trip the keynote of the fun, being sung by the musical "Jim" Scott, whose tenor voice added no little to the enjoyment of the excursion.

A few hours' sleep and North Bend was reached at 7 a.m., where breakfast was served. The party then commenced, Vancouver having in sight just a few minutes before the scheduled hour of sailing of the good steamer Chasler, that vessel affording a welcome sight to the Victoria men.

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THE BRITISH CASUALTIES.

(Continued from page 1.)

The officials do not credit the report, as the relief of the place at such an early date is believed to be practically impossible.

Ladysmith Under Fire.
New York, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from the British camp at Ficks, dated Dec. 12th, tells of the arrival of Sir William MacCormick and several hundred ambulance bearers.

At the time the dispatch was sent the Boers were still shelling Ladysmith, though the news a day or two before was that they had stopped using their big guns.

Roberts Summoned to London.
New York, Dec. 14.—A World cable says Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's forces in Ireland, has been hastily summoned to London.

Her Majesty's Grief.
New York, Dec. 14.—A London cable declares Her Majesty is continually sending to the War Office for information concerning South Africa, and breaks down under the weight of sorrow.

General Wauchop's Widow.
London, Dec. 14.—The Queen has sent a message of deep condolence to the widow of General Wauchop.

Churchill Escapes.
London, Dec. 14.—Private Chappel, of the Royal Canadians, died of typhoid at Belmont, Cape Colony, on Dec. 12th.

Rise in Stocks.
London, Dec. 14.—On the stock exchange today at two o'clock, Rand mines suddenly jumped up £1 on the rumors that General Buller had entered Ladysmith, and that General Buller had captured three thousand Boers.

No News of Canadians.
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—No further advice has been received by the Minister of Militia nor Major-General Hutton from the Canadian contingent.

Major Drummond is supposed to be with Methuen's staff. This, however, does not mean that the Canadian has been moved to the front, because it has been known for some time that Drummond was with Methuen.

P.E.I. ELECTIONS.
(Associated Press.)
Charlottetown, Dec. 14.—By-elections for the provincial house, held on Wednesday, in the fourth district of Kings and fourth district of Queens, resulted in the election of A. A. McLean, Q.C., in the fourth district of Queens, 58 majority, and A. P. Prowse, son of Senator Prowse, in the fourth district of Kings, defeating Attorney-General Meakin by 21 of a majority.

The result leaves the House 50 opposition, 14 government, besides the Speaker. It is probable the government will appeal to the country as neither side can carry on the government. Fred Peters, government, is in British Columbia.

DEMOCRATS AND PHILIPPINES.
(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 14.—A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Representative Williams, of Mississippi, the result of a consultation among Democratic leaders, and is understood to express their general position on the Philippines. It declares it is the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Philippines and withdraw the forces, provided the independent government refunds the \$20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, gives a suitable naval and coal station, and grants in perpetuity free access to the ports.

M'NISH'S DEFEAT.
(Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A Liberal from West Elgin says the defeat of McNish, the Liberal candidate in that constituency, was anticipated for some days, owing to his attitude of his own followers.

PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND.
(Associated Press.)
Bern, Dec. 14.—The Federal Assembly has elected Walther Hanser, Radical of Wädenswil, Zurich, to be president of Switzerland for 1900. He was vice-president during 1899.

MGR. FALCONIO'S APPOINTMENT.
(Associated Press.)
Rome, Dec. 14.—The Pope has announced the appointment of Mgr. Falconio, Apostolic delegate to Canada, as Metropolitan of Larino.

Personal.
Dr. Lewis Hall went over to Vancouver this morning on private business.

John O'Connell went over to Vancouver this morning to attend a meeting of the Birmingham Council of B. C.

Henry Dawson and Geo. Denny, city editors of the Times and Colonist respectively, returned last night from a visit to the Boundary and Kootenay country with the business men's excursion.

The following members of the business men's excursion party from this city returned last night: W. A. Wood, J. W. Hardy, Mr. Fraser, W. J. Pendergast, J. H. Bickley, P. Moore, L. H. Hardie, R. Smith, C. Lowenberg, J. W. Moffat, C. P. Todd, Thos. Earle.

Gordon Dies in Jail

Under Sentence of Two Months Imprisonment for Theft of Tobacco Pipe.

Hemorrhage Ends a Strange Career—Did He Murder Mrs. Bings?

The death occurred at the provincial jail this afternoon of Daniel McDonald Gordon, popularly known about town as Sergeant Gordon, from the fact that he claimed to have been a non-commissioned officer at one time in the 103rd, Sutherland Highlanders.

Gordon was sentenced to two months' imprisonment a few weeks ago for the theft of a tobacco pipe, which he claimed to have recovered in his capacity as a private detective.

The cause of death was a severe hemorrhage which seized him this afternoon, and from which he died about half an hour later.

Supt. Hussey hurried out to the jail upon being notified of Gordon's condition and endeavored to secure from him a statement, but he was then too far gone to give one, although he seemed anxious to talk.

The solicitude of the police officer for a statement was due to a very distinct impression among the police officers that the man knew more than he cared to tell about the murder of the late Mrs. Bings.

A few days after that event he proffered his services to the police, engaged on the case as a private detective and while they were working upon it haunted the police headquarters. It was he who finally led the detectives to the spot where the missing skirt was found, and which he claimed to have discovered there. This seemed to them peculiar in view of the fact that their own diligent search of the adjacent country had failed to discover the presence of the garment.

The detectives afterwards made a search of his cabin and found under his bed a number of filthy garments in a tub of water, but they were so filthy and had evidently been in the water so long that it was impossible to learn anything from them.

If the man did know anything of the affair, he and he alone could disclose it, and the officers cherished the hope that some day further information might be extorted from him. This was what caused Superintendent Hussey to hurry to the jail when the intelligence was received of Gordon's illness, but, as the foregoing indicates, without tangible result.

Another circumstance which increased the suspicion of the police was that about a quarter of an hour before the murder of Mrs. Bings, Mrs. Bayles, of Victoria West, when leaving the railroad bridge at the far end met a man a description of whom corresponded to Gordon, who peered into her face and afterwards followed her a short distance on the reserve road. He then turned, and while Mrs. Bayles was crossing the elevated sidewalk above Turpel's ways she fancied she heard a scream from the direction of the railroad trestle. She stopped and listened, but the high wind prevented her hearing more, and she concluded she had been mistaken, and walked on. A woman whom she believed to have been Mrs. Bings crossed the bridge at the same time as herself, and it was likely that it was her dying scream that Mrs. Bayles heard.

Gordon told another man that for two years he had carried about in his pocket portions of a female's organs, although he claimed to have secured them from a medical student. This evidence of moral depravity, coupled with the heinous and terrible nature of the crime, was another feature which strengthened police suspicions.

Gordon was about 62 years of age.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Chasler from Vancouver—T. O. Townley, P. Wollaston, Mr. Fraser, J. Pendergast, J. H. Bickley, P. Moore, L. H. Hardie, R. Smith, C. Lowenberg, J. W. Moffat, C. P. Todd, Thos. Earle, Geo. McL. Brown, Geo. Denny, H. Dawson, J. T. McKillop, Wm. Wilson—Davidson, J. Pearson, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Norton, D. Taylor, Mrs. King, A. St. G. Hammersley, R. W. Turner, Miss L. Milton, J. Williams, Mrs. Williamson, A. Kirk, H. W. Gepp, Mrs. H. McNeil, H. Bucker, J. Smith, M. Hazler, P. Harris.

Per steamer Utopia from the Sound—J. W. Evans, A. R. Patterson, Capt. Rand, H. Dalby, F. Dimmock, J. H. Richards, J. P. Ironbridge, Chas. Stewart, J. H. McLafferty, W. H. Higgins, J. W. Ross, J. McLaughry, E. J. Smith, W. G. Ballantine, J. F. Bellmore, G. W. Cook, H. A. Nesbitt, G. W. Moxham, G. W. Cook, H. A. Nesbitt, W. C. W. A. Richardson and wife, W. D. Jones, W. Redhurst, A. W. Kome, A. Williams and wife.

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(Associated Press.)
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